Sri N. CHIKKE GOWDA (Minister for Agriculture and Animal Husbandry).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The assistance to fishermen covers subsidy on nylon fishing net twine and subsidy on fishing canoes/boats.

(*c*) Rs. 95,204-90 towards the purchase of nylon twine. Rs. 40,862-50 towards purchase/construction of wooden canoes/boats. Total—Rs. 1,36,067-40.

PLYING OF LUXURY AND SEMI-LUXURY BUSES TO ALL DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS.

531. Sri BAPURAO ANANDRAO (Basavakalyan).—

Will the Minister for Transport and Housing be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal before Government to run luxury and semi-luxury buses to all the District Headquarters;

(*b*) if so, the stage at which the proposal to run semi-luxury buses to Bidar District Headquarter is pending?

Sri K. H. RANGANATH (Minister for Transport and Housing).—

(*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise in view of the reply to clause (*a*) of the question.

COMPENSATION FOR LAND ACQUIRED TO ESTABLISH CAUSTIC SODA PROJECT AT BINAGA.

721. Smt. RADHA M. BHATT (Ankola).—

Will the Minister for Industries and Parliamentary Affairs be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that lands have been acquired for establishing Caustic Soda Project at Binaga in Karwar;

(*b*) whether the owners of these lands have been provided with alternate sites and whether compensation has been paid in respect of the lands acquired;

(*c*) if not, the reasons for the delay?

Sri S. M. KRISHNA (Minister for Industries and Parliamentary Affairs).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Not yet.

(*c*) The rehabilitation of the displaced persons is under the active consideration of the Rehabilitation Committee.

The awards have been finalised, but the payment will be made during the next financial year, since the amount earmarked for payment of compensation during the current financial year has been exhausted.

PROMOTIONS IN EXCISE DEPARTMENT

730. Sri G. P. NANJAYYANAMATH (Guledgud).—

Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that in the Department of Excise promotions were given in haphazard manner during 1971-72 and 1972-73 particularly in the Executive Cadre ;

(*b*) whether it is not a fact that these promotions have resulted in adverse effect on the P.S.C. Candidates working in the Department ;

(*c*) if so, the action taken against the officers for making irregular promotions given in the following references ;

(i) O.M. Nos. ADM EST 1264 and 365/71-72, dated 10th January 1972, 3rd April 1972 and 17th August 1973 respectively,

(ii) also 365 of 72-73, dated 18th January 1974.

(d) the reasons for the department in not giving promotions with retrospective effect to the P.S.C. Candidates (Inspectors of Excise Juniors) ;

(*e*) whether the Government have published the gradation list of the Executive staff of the Excise Department since 1964 ?

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS (Chief Minister).—

(*a*) No.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Does not arise in view of reply to clauses (*a*) and (*b*).